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HILL HOUSE

I remember so well how the table looked that night;
The shaded candle-flames were gentle and bright,
Caressing the wine and silver. Jewels glowed,
And bosom and wrist moved softly; light words flowed,
And the surface chatter of dinner ran charmingly on.

Then you told me of your dream cities, that Venice was one;
And looking up quickly, at eyes now gray now blue
(For Venice belongs to me, as well as to you),
I thought, for a moment, I saw your soul shine through!

Is it odd for an hour's companion to think such things?
Swift? But, dear, see—how Love and the Soul have wings!

Douglas Goldring.